Completion of Salandi Irrigation Project in Orissa

281. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of the Salandi Irrigation Project in Orissa;

(b) whether the entire amount has been sanctioned by the World Bank;

(c) if so, the details of the target date fixed for the completion of that project; and

(d) the details of progress made in the completion of that project as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) The Salandi Irrigation Project in Orissa was originally approved by the Planning Commission in 1964 for Rs. 11.21 crore for creating irrigation potential of 45.73 thousand hectares. The project was completed during the 6th Plan at a total cost of Rs. 16.38 crore. However, the renovation and modernization of main canal distributaries and minors along with the cross drainage structures of the Charampa Branch Canal of Salandi Project is under implementation as one of the component of World Bank aided Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project since 1996. As on 1st June, 2001, 84.92 per cent of main canal and branches, 84.76 per cent of distributaries and minors, 75.29 per cent of structures in the main canal and branches and 93.66 per cent of the structures in the distributaries and minors have been completed. The target date of completion of the Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project is 30.09.2002 and Charampa Branch Canal work is also expected to be completed by this date.

Use of groundwater

282. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States and Union Territories have approached Government to enact legislation to regulate the use of groundwater, if so, the details of the States and the Union Territories;

(b) by when Government are expected to enact such a legislation/ regulations;